have very very few sectional holidays but to have a large and representative category of public holidays. As a matter of fact I have been waiting after the decision of Government on communal holidays was announced to hear the views of this House in this matter. But this House has not taken the initiative and I am going to ask this House to select 4 members to consider the question along with 3 members from the other House, and one or two officials. They will deliberate during the next few days and finish the matter so that orders may soon be issued.

The Transport Department.

32. *MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Transport Advisory Committee recommended to Government that the Transport Department should be made permanent from 1st Chingom 1117; and

(*b*) what action was taken by them in the matter?

MR. E. G. SALTER: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The matter is under consideration.

Yarn imported into Travancore.

33. *MR P. NARAYANA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the total quantity of yarn imported into this country during 1115; and

(*b*) the quantity of yarn imported during 1116?

DR. H. PARAMESWARAN (*Controller of Yarn Supplies*):

(*a*) 28,21,458 lbs.

(*b*) 25,50,352 lbs.

MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN (*Quilon* cum *Kottarakara*): May I know, with reference to part (b) of the answer, why the quantity of yarn imported during 1116 was less than in 1115?

DR. H. PARAMESWARAN: I have no information, Sir.

Supply of cotton yarn to weavers.

34. *MR. S. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Quilon* cum *Kottarakara*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received representations complaining about the insufficiency of the quantity of cotton yarn available to hand-loom weavers: and

(*b*) what, if any, action has been taken on the complaints referred to in part (a)?

DR. H. PARAMESWARAN: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Necessary arrangements have been made to ensure an adequate supply of cotton yarn to hand-loom weavers.

MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN: May I know, with reference to part (b) of the answer, what are the arrangements that were made?

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Sub-Registry Offices.

50. * **MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the percentage of documents registered in 1116 on the day of presentation in the Sub-Registry Offices; and

(*b*) the percentage registered in 1116 in the Sub-Registry office, Alloor when Mr. Chandy was the Sub-Registrar?

MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP: (*a*) 99·11

(*b*) 99·44.

Appointments in connection with the construction of the Dam at Munnar.

51. * **MR. A. K. KUMARAN VAIDYAN** (*Kunnatnad* cum *Parur*): Will the Government be pleased to state, by caste, the number of persons who applied for appointments in connection with the construction of the dam at Munnar and of the employees appointed by the Executive Engineer?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: The *Statements required are placed on the table.

Form of applications for appointments in the Public Service.

52. * **MR. KAVIYOOR K. K. KOCHUKUNJU**: Will the Government be pleased to state whether any changes have been brought about in the application forms for recruitment to the Public Service so that the candidates may apply for one particular appointment only?

MR. S. N. URE: Yes. For Form No. 10 only for the present;

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* Vide Appendix III (a) and (b), Page 105.

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